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## Bolt out of the blue



**LIGHTNING STRIKER:** Banbury United's Leon Simpson celebrates his second goal against Hitchin in typical Usain Bolt style on Saturday ■ See page 18

Heseltine's daughter's gift to hospital that saved husband

# £75K WAY TO SAY 'THANKS'

THE daughter of former Deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine has raised £75,000 for the hospital that saved her husband's life.

Alexandra Williams, 58, pledged to raise £50,000 for Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital after Nick Williams was treated there last year.

Mr Williams, the owner of Banbury's Holloway's auctioneers, suffered an aortic dissection on February 12 last year.

His main blood vessel, the aorta, which pumps blood around the body, was coming apart from his heart.

Even after surgery there was still a one-in-

By Samantha McGregor

five chance the 58-year-old would not survive.

Mrs Williams, an art dealer from Thenford, said: "The Oxford Heart Centre saved my husband's life.

"He was at death's door and if they hadn't operated as quickly as they did, he would have undoubtedly died.

"I made a promise to the ITU Sister that I would do this for the hospital even before we knew Nick would survive."

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# Fundraising efforts hailed 'inspirational' Wife raises £75k for heart centre



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An April clothes sale raised £3,000 and a September art auction at her parents' Thenford property boosted funds.

Mrs Williams said: "My father, mother – the whole of my family and people I know through my work have been immensely supportive of what I am trying to do."

"I never imagined how this would gather momentum, but it has all snowballed and while it is all still quite emotional, it is also very exciting too."

About 30 lots were donated to the auction. She said: "I think people realise that they or their loved ones could be depending on a unit like this at any time and they want to do all they can to help."

The Oxford Heartfelt Appeal aims to create a world-class echocardiography unit at the Oxford Heart Centre.

More than 15,000 of the heart echo scans already take place at the hospital each year.

Her husband has returned to work and is settling back into family life with daughters Molly, 16, and Augusta, 14.

She added: "Nick looks fantastic and we will never forget all the hospital has done for us."

Mr Williams said: "Alexandra has done incredibly well and what she has achieved has made myself and a lot of people very proud."

"She picked the £50,000 figure literally out of the air the night they told her I would survive, probably without really knowing how she would raise it."

"But as soon as she was able, she set to work, contacting people, driving around the country to pick items up, framing them and organising the sale which has gone to raise almost one-and-a-half times what she set out to."

"In a few weeks, she and I will return to the ICU at the hospital for the first time since I was taken ill."

"I've no doubt it will be a very emotional experience, but also a very proud one."

"I'm very grateful to my wife for raising this money on our behalf, but also for the way in which she has cared for me throughout."

Andrew House, head of major gifts at the hospital's charity, said: "Alexandra's passion and energy for this cause has been remarkable and the hospital charity and Oxford Heart Centre team are hugely grateful for all that she, her family and friends have achieved."

"It's been inspirational," he added.

Conservative Lord Heseltine, 80, was elected an MP in 1966 and rose through the Tory ranks to roles including Deputy PM and Secretary of State for Defence.

The Heartfelt Appeal aimed to raise £1.3m and is £30,000 away from its target.

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Michael Heseltine's daughter Alexandra Williams and her husband Nick, whose life was saved by the Oxford Heart Centre

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■ New scheme for 250 properties aims to reduce the waiting list

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Back, from left, Angela Spiby and Lara McDonagh, with, front from left, Mitch McDonagh, three, Johnny McDonagh, nine, and Charlie Evans, eight

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They will be raising money for JDRF, a national diabetes charity, with a 5km sponsored walk in Staffordshire on Sunday.

Eight-year-old Charlie Evans, who has type one diabetes, last year raised £1,000.

The Orchard Field Community School pupil said: "I'm feeling kind of excited about the walk. I think it's important."

Mum Angela Spiby, said type one diabetes was not as well understood as well understood as type two.

She said: "A lot of people think the two types are the same. "Charlie just wants to raise awareness – it's lifelong and there's no cure."

Insulin injections are needed to be taken for life.

To sponsor Charlie, visit [justgiving.com/angela-spiby1/](http://justgiving.com/angela-spiby1/)

**CHERWELL District Council is hoping an innovative scheme to get people building their own homes will start to make a dent in its housing waiting list.**

The council said it's months away from starting work on 250 new affordable homes across Banbury and Bicester.

The names of sites have now been released for the Build! project.

Those who take part renovate or decorate properties – training is provided – and in return get discounts on the sale price or rent.

People are being urged to register an interest as the council announces the full list of the first sites to be developed.

The council's housing waiting list currently stands at more than 3,800.

Cherwell's lead member for housing Debbie Pickford said: "The level of involvement depends on the ambition and the skills that those taking part have."

"There are options to suit everyone, from beginners right through to those who want to build a property from scratch."

She believes the housing problem stems from "years of insufficient investment in building new homes".

Miss Pickford added: "We therefore need innovative schemes, such as this, to make sure that this generation and the next aren't denied a stable and affordable home."

"So don't be put off if you are not a DIY expert as training will be provided."

Plots of land have now been secured in both towns, as well as some long-term empty properties. Once complete, people will have a range of options to buy, rent or shared ownership.

In February 2012, the council opened its first self-build scheme at Donal Miller Road, Banbury, now Donalson Court.

Work got under way in December 2010 and 20 unemployed teenagers helped construct

## School receives Ofsted praise

BANBURY'S Hanwell Fields Primary School, in Rotary Way, has been told it is taking "effective action" after being told it required improvement in May.

Following a monitoring inspection by Ofsted in July, the school was told it had come up with "sensible strategies" to improve the academy. Its sponsor, the United Learning Trust, was described as having a clear understanding of the academy's strengths and weaknesses.

There are 314 pupils at the school.

By Sam McGregor

maisonette-style one-bedroom homes that 10 of them moved in to.

The Banbury sites include:

■ Broughton Road, one- and two-bedroom flats under a shared ownership scheme

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To book a place on an informal workshop call 01295 221615 or go to [cherwell.gov.uk/build](http://cherwell.gov.uk/build)

## InBRIEF

### Victim fights for his phone

■ **BANBURY:** A 27-year-old man fought off two robbers to get his mobile phone back.

The man was hit across the head in the attack in the Woodgreen Leisure Centre car park between 5pm and 5.15pm on Tuesday, September 17.

Police described the robbers as Asian men in their late teens or early 20s.

Investigating officer Pc Bryn Smith, from Banbury police station, appealed for witnesses to call 101.

### Charged with burglaries

■ **N OXON:** A man has been charged with conspiracy to burgle Bicester and Banbury homes for jewellery.

Johnny Cash, 22, was charged with conspiracy to commit burglary with intent to steal and burglary of a dwelling with intent to steal.

The charges related to burglaries in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire between July 21 and 27 where cash and jewellery were taken.

Cash, of Alphas Walk, Edgware, Middlesex, appeared at Friday Magistrates' Court on Banbury and was released on conditional bail to appear at Oxford Crown Court on December 13.

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■ MP Baldry disappointed as 375 homes to be built

# Refusal of housing is approved on appeal

NEARLY 400 homes have been approved by ministers in a move described by Sir Tony Baldry as the "most disappointing" affecting the constituency in his 30 years as an MP.

Government ministers have overturned the refusal of four planning applications by Cherwell District Council.

They are 145 homes east of Bloxham Road, Banbury; 85 in Milton Road, Bloxham; 70 homes near Bourne Lane,

By Damian Fantato

Hook Norton; and 75 off Barford Road in Bloxham.

Conservative Sir Tony said the decision by Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Eric Pickles, "runs roughshod over any concept of localism or elected local councillors".

Major estates should be agreed

through the council's "local plan" blueprint, currently in its final stages, he said.

He said: "In effect, the Secretary of State is saying that where housing is built is determined entirely by which developers are first in getting in their planning applications."

Mr Pickles said the four were "sustainable development which would make a significant contribution towards addressing the undersupply of housing".



Minister Eric Pickles overturned the four decisions

## InBRIEF

### Vehicle blaze in car park

■ BANBURY: A fire destroyed a people carrier at a busy supermarket car park.

Firefighters were called to the car park of the Morrison's store in Swan Close Road at 7.15pm on Friday, where they put out the fire.

There were no reports of any injuries.

### Girl hurt in park attack

■ BANBURY: A 14-year-old girl was knocked to the ground in an assault in Browning Road Park.

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## Verdicts from Banbury Magistrates' Court



■ **PAUL AKERS**, 30, of Walterbush Road, Chipping Norton, admitted harassment without violence between July 17 and July 21 after sending a large number of text messages which were likely to cause alarm and distress. Given a community order with a 12-month supervision order and told to do 100 hours unpaid work. Also ordered to pay a £60 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **BEN DEVONISH**, 22, of Jubilee Court, Banbury, admitted being drunk and disorderly in High Street, Banbury on August 2. Given a six-month conditional discharge and told to pay a £15 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **SARA NEWTON**, 30, of Old Park Close, Banbury, admitted assault by beating in George Street, Banbury on July 19. Given a six-month conditional discharge and told to pay a £15 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **EDWARD KIRBY**, 27, of Britannia Wharf, Banbury, admitted criminal damage after destroying the windscreen of a Peugeot 206 in Alma Road, Banbury on May 9. Also admitted possession of four wraps of class-B drug methylmethcathinon at Banbury Police Station, Warwick Road, Banbury on April 14. Community order with alcohol

treatment and supervision requirements. Restraining order also made and told to pay £65 compensation, a £60 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **LEO BARLOW**, 29, from Piers Row, Deddington, was convicted of making off from the White Rabbit, in Oxford, without paying for £17.35 worth of drinks on May 6. Fined £165 and told to pay costs of £200 and a £20 victims' surcharge.

■ **NICHOLAS SUMNERS**, 48, of Lodge Terrace, Chipping Norton, admitted harassing a woman by sending her electronic messages between May 13 and 16, and breaching a restraining order.

■ **PAUL CLARKE**, 31, of Barwood Court, Rotary Way, Banbury, admitted stealing cleaning products, paint and filler worth £139.73 from Halfords, in Marley Way, Banbury, on August 9. Given a 12-month conditional discharge and told to pay a £15 victims' surcharge and £40 costs.

■ **ADAM COLES**, 32, of Edmunds Road, Banbury, admitted causing £100 of damage to a kitchen door in Banbury on August 13. Also admitted committing a further offence while subject to a suspended sentence made on July 17 for common assault and

possessing an air weapon. Given a four-week prison sentence.

■ **ASHLEY DAY**, 28, of Miller Road, Banbury, admitted breaching a restraining order imposed on May 1 by harassment between July 30 and August 11 in Thornbury Rise, Banbury. Given a three-month prison sentence suspended for 12 months and told to pay an £80 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **SEAN WILLIAMS**, 32, of McKeever Place, Banbury, admitted assault by beating in Banbury on August 10. Fined £350 and told to pay a £35 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **MANOJ ABRAHAM**, 35, of Warwick Road, Banbury, admitted dumping controlled waste near the A4260 in Shenington on May 2. Fined £200 and told to pay a £20 victims' surcharge and £502.06 costs.

■ **ROCKY BURTON**, 27, of London Road, Chipping Norton, convicted of driving an unlicensed vehicle in Britannia Road, Banbury, on February 22. Fined £200 and told to pay £90 costs.

■ **MARTIN DELANEY**, 50, of Station Approach, Banbury, convicted of driving an unregistered vehicle in Banbury on March 22. Fined £200, a

£20 victims' surcharge and £110 costs.

■ **PHILIP HALL**, 44, of Allens Orchard, Chipping Warden, admitted drink-driving in Southam Road, Banbury, on August 2. Had 53 micrograms of alcohol in 100ml of breath, above the legal limit of 35 micrograms. Fined £200, a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs. Banned from driving for 12 months.

■ **TOHEEB HUSSAIN**, 19, of Queens Road, Banbury, admitted possession of cannabis in Banbury on August 4. Fined £100, a £20 victims' surcharge and £40 costs.

■ **AARON MARRIOTT**, 28, of Lord Fielding Close, Banbury, admitted criminal damage after destroying a glass pane of a door in Banbury on June 8. Given a six-month conditional discharge and told to pay £76.86 compensation, a £15 victims' surcharge and £45 costs.

■ **DANIEL OAKES**, 25, of Foscoate Rise, Banbury, admitted using racially aggravated threatening, abusive, or insulting words or behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress in Broad Street, Banbury, on July 7. Admitted using threatening, abusive, or insulting words or behaviour with intent to cause harassment, alarm or

distress in Broad Street, Banbury on July 7. Admitted obstructing or resisting Special Constable Michael Aisher in the execution of his duty in Broad Street, Banbury, on July 7. Also admitted using racially aggravated threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress at Banbury Police Station, Warwick Road, Banbury, on July 7. Given a six-month conditional discharge for obstructing a constable. Fined a total of £255, a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **TREVOR JACKSON**, 50, of Merton Street, Banbury, admitted producing six juvenile cannabis plants in Banbury on August 23. Fined £200, a £20 victims' surcharge and £85 costs.

■ **PAUL MALCHER**, 47, of Heathcote Avenue, Banbury, admitted drink-driving in Elton Road, Banbury, on July 4. Had 103 milligrams of alcohol in 100ml of blood, above the legal limit of 80 milligrams. Fined £500, a £50 victims' surcharge, and £85 costs. Banned from driving for 14 months.

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# Police station shock

By Ben Wilkinson

**WHEN reporting a crime, lost property, or applying for a gun licence, you might expect to deal with the police.**

But in Chipping Norton these duties are to be taken over by council staff in a deal to save cash for Thames Valley Police.

Critics warned that it could be the "thin end of the wedge" and that more police counter services could be taken over by councils.

The move comes after the force announced in July that bases in Chipping Norton, Woodstock, and Charlbury would be shut and "more efficient" alternatives found.

It is to pay West Oxfordshire District Council £10,000 to run the counter service from the Guildhall for the first year. The force doesn't yet know the cost after that.

Council staff will be trained by police in duties including handing out crime reduction advice and dealing with people producing driving documents after an accident.

If someone reports a crime they will be asked to call the police enquiry centre on the 101 number.

But Rod Matheson, Nison branch secretary at the force, said: "We see it as the thin end of the wedge. Further down the line they might think they

## Council officers will deal with public

can do it elsewhere."

He also said he did not want to see the force pay the council to carry out police work, adding: "I don't want to see council staff do police work any more than I want to see a police officer emptying bins."

"We could reinvest that money back

into existing staff, retaining jobs and improving services."

Thames Valley Police is aiming to cut £56.3m – 12 per cent of its budget – between 2011 and 2015.

Graham Smith, chairman of the Thames Valley Police Federation, said: "Police have been forced to save

money because of budget cuts. This is one of the faces of the cuts."

"But I am sure the public would prefer to go into a police station."

The move is due to take place by the end of the year and police say the counter will be in a more convenient location than the London Road station,

which costs £70,000 a year to run. The counter will also be open to the public from 8.45am to 1pm and from 2pm to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.

The station is open to the public from 10am to 2pm Monday to Friday.

Supt Colin Paine, commander for West Oxfordshire and Cherwell, said: "This is great news for residents of Chipping Norton. They will keep the police front counter and it will be open an extra 15 hours per week, but will not cost the taxpayer any more than at present."

He said "a smaller and more efficient alternative" to the station had not yet been found, adding: "The police station will not close until the neighbourhood team have been relocated to a new police base."

The council and force already work together in areas of community safety, licensing, housing and emergency planning.

Mark Booty, West Oxfordshire District Council cabinet member for community safety, said: "This partnership approach at the Guildhall is a win, win solution for everyone. Residents will gain from longer opening hours and our town centre location has easy access with everything on the ground floor."

The force has already saved £33.4m by restricting recruitment, cutting police staff from 3,000 to 2,779 and centralising offices.

**Police Area Commander Colin Paine with the deputy leader of West Oxfordshire Council, Mark Booty, at the Guildhall in Chipping Norton where a police counter is to be set up after the town's police station closes**

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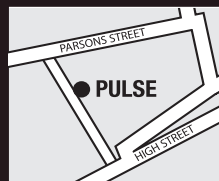
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# Budget chain may move into old highways depot Jobs bonus as Aldi plans Chippy store

By Sophie Scott

**ALDI is hoping to build a new supermarket at a disused site on the outskirts of Chipping Norton.**

The German supermarket chain will hold two consultations in the town next week for residents to learn more.

The budget food store is looking to redevelop the former Highways Depot site at Cromwell Park, on Banbury Road, about half a mile from the town centre and any other supermarkets.

There are already branches of Sainsbury's and the Co-op in the town.

A planning application has not yet been submitted but Aldi is hoping the store will create 30 jobs.

The shop would cover 1,000 sq ft and have nearly 80 car parking spaces.

In February last year, a plan for a new Sainsbury's on London Road in the town was refused by West Oxfordshire

District Council.

Chipping Norton Town Council had lodged a formal objection to the plan, saying it would suck trade out of the town.

The group Stop Chippy's Out of Town Supermarket was set up in response to the plan, and hundreds of people campaigned against it.

But despite its fight, the group has no plans to re-form in response to the Aldi proposals.

The town council has said it would not yet make a public statement about the store plan.

Deputy town mayor Chris Butterworth said: "We will look at the plans but we are not commenting on them yet."

"It is more in the town centre than the Sainsbury's which was planned. We will give our opinions when the planning application comes in."

Town councillor Alex Corfield

said: "From the opinions that I have heard when it has been mentioned, residents are generally supportive."

"I will be going to the consultation event next week."

The town plan, currently being consulted on by the town council, suggests there is space in Chipping Norton for another 1,200 sq ft of retail space as the town expands with extra housing. An Aldi spokesman

said: "We are excited about the prospect of coming to Chipping Norton as we are keen to offer the local community a genuine choice when completing their weekly food shopping."

The consultation events will be held on Friday, September 27 at the Town Hall, between 3pm and 7.30pm, and on Saturday, September 28, at the Methodist Church on West Street, between 10am and 2pm.



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Thames Valley Police has trained 280 front-line response officers to use the 50,000-volt electric shock guns.

It more than doubles the number previously used, and means 11 per cent of the force has Tasers.

The force has said it hopes that eventually all officers who pass the training test will carry one, and training is set to continue.

### By Mark Taylor

According to senior staff, the force has not yet had to fire any of the guns that have been deployed, but they have acted as a deterrent.

The head of the Roads Policing department Chief Inspector Henry Parsons said officers had already seen a difference.

He said: "We have gone live with

them. It is not a testing phase.

"They are now in service and have been rolled out across Thames Valley and some officers in Oxfordshire do have them.

Chief Inspector Parsons said the benefit of the devices could already be seen when attending street robberies, burglaries and car thefts.

He said: "When we have informed a suspect that we have a Taser so far every one has backed down when told.

"It is a win for them and a win for us because it means we do not have to use force in any way.

"It is early days but we are seeing that having them along with us has resulted in some positives.

"We are certainly not trigger-happy and it not about making anyone feel threatened.

"It can stop things from escalating and that is a plus point. If they stop officers having to strong arm someone then it will help."

Public safety campaigners have sounded a warning over the increased deployment however.

Nick Pickles, director of civil

liberties campaign group Big Brother Watch, said: "Tasers are not something to be routinely deployed and still carry significant risks to people's health.

"They should be treated with the same care as firearms and only made available to specialist officers.

"It is still far from clear that there is a pressing need to equip every officer with these high-voltage weapons and the risk to the public of them being used improperly is far from being addressed to any real satisfaction.

"Just one error can have an enormous impact."

But according to Chief Inspector Parsons, the Taser training process has been "very, very strict".

He added: "It is a tough pass-or-fail test and if officers aren't up to scratch, they aren't fit enough or right to use them then they will fail."

Chief Constable Sara Thornton championed the use of Tasers following a rise in attacks on police officers. The number of officers who suffered violence rose from about 160 between April 2011 and March 2012.



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Ben Clarke, licensing team co-ordinator for Thames Valley Police, said: "It is not illegal to accept fake ID, although it is obviously illegal to serve those who are under 18, who are generally the ones who carry it."

"Retailers or licensed premises who sell to underage people risk a fine of up to £5,000 and losing their licence to sell alcohol."

"We received overwhelming support from the staff in the premises we visited and plan to carry out similar checks in the future."

Thames Valley Police did not respond to the Banbury Cake's request for how many of the premises in Banbury did not spot the fake IDs.

But the force did say that of the 95 licensed premises it visited across the Thames Valley, only 43 challenged the test purchaser for ID.

■ Meetings set as county has to save an extra £60m

# Have your say on council cuts



County council leader Ian Hudspeth

FINANCE bosses will hold a crunch meeting with Banbury residents as they prepare to save an extra £60m.

Oxfordshire County Council will also hold meetings in Oxford, Witney, Wantage and Didcot to discuss its plans with residents.

It comes after it announced it would have to save £60m on top of cuts of £200m already made or planned.

The budget-setting process will not begin until the council knows how much cash it is due to receive from the Government, and this may not be announced until December.

Council leader Ian Hudspeth said: "It is important that we hear from residents about the services they value most and which ones they could live without. We want to hear ideas about how people and communities can get what they need without relying on public services. We also want to talk

By Freddie Whittaker

about charging for services or raising income in other ways.

"We want to make changes as fairly as possible while protecting services for the most vulnerable people. To do that properly, we need to hear first-hand from people in Oxfordshire. We want people to have an influence on how we manage these very difficult changes."

The meetings will start on October 14, when the council will be at Banbury Town Hall.

On October 15, they will be at County Hall in Oxford before moving on to Wantage Civic Hall on October 21.

They will be at Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot at October 23 and the final meeting will be at Henry Box School in Witney on October 24. All the meetings will run from 7.30-9pm.

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■ BANBURY: Burglars used a ladder to climb on to a conservatory roof and through a bedroom window.

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The break-in happened between 5.30am and 9pm on Friday.

Police have appealed for anyone with information to call 101.

### Two break-ins

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Singing in the style of Katherine Jenkins, her early years were spent performing in many song and dance festivals throughout the country.

It was through the festivals that she came to realise singing would play a huge part in her life.

Gemma took up classical singing lessons at the age of 11 and progressed through The Royal School of Music and The London Trinity College of Music, all the while gaining a varied repertoire from classical arias and opera to musical theatre and popular ballads.

With a professional singing career spanning over a decade, Gemma's vocal talent mixed with her charming personality has led her to appear on the West End stage, captivating audiences at both the Royal Albert Hall and The London Palladium.

Her versatility has enabled her to be the current lead female vocalist for three of the top touring theatre productions in the country, performing in some of the finest theatres such as The Manchester Opera House, The Sunderland Empire and Sheffield City Hall to name but a few.

Gemma can also be seen performing in cathedrals and stately homes for wedding ceremonies throughout the country.

Throughout her performances, so many times has she been compared to Katherine Jenkins that she has launched *The Katherine Jenkins Experience*, on tour and in Banbury next Friday.

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By Liz Nicholls

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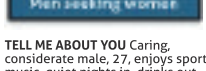
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# Slick, nail-biting thriller gives us finale that fails

**THE CALL** (15, 94 mins)

Thriller/Action. Halle Berry, Abigail Breslin, Morris Chestnut, Michael Eklund, David Otunga, Michael Imperioli, Roma Maffia, Evie Thompson. Director: Brad Anderson.

Notwithstanding a ridiculous final act that seemingly belongs to a different film, *The Call* is a slick, nail-biting thriller that propels us satisfyingly close to the edge of our seats.

Director Brad Anderson navigated emotionally richer terrain on the big screen in his earlier films, *The Machinist* and *Transsiberian*.

However, recent stints behind the camera on TV series *Boardwalk Empire*, *Alcatraz* and *The Killing* serve him well here and he cranks up tension with aplomb. The middle section is genuinely exhilarating, ricocheting between emergency services and a kidnap victim, trapped in the claustrophobic boot of her abductor's car.

Screenwriter Richard D'Ovidio takes a staple of the genre – an imperilled heroine, who loses her clothes for no compelling reason – as the seed for his sadistic game of cat and mouse between a 911 call centre operator and a serial killer with a penchant for blonde girls.

In a tense opening sequence, terrified teenager Leah Templeton (Evie Thompson) dials 911 to report an intruder in her family home. Skilled operator Jordan Turner (Halle Berry) coolly advises Leah to lock herself in a room and remain on the line. Unfortunately, the plan

goes tragically awry and Jordan finds herself on the line with the intruder.

"I suggest you leave that house before you do something you regret," she barks.

"It's already done," growls the man, establishing a snappy catchphrase, which is recycled at two pivotal moments later in the film.

Leah is slain and Jordan hangs up her headset.

Six months later, the same madman, Michael Foster (Michael Eklund), abducts a blonde teenager, Casey Welson (Abigail Breslin), from a shopping mall.

Jordan happens to be in the call centre "hive" when Casey's distressed telephone call comes through and the operator takes charge, determined to make amends for Leah.

Haunted by the words of her police officer father – "You might be the difference between somebody living and somebody dying" – Jordan provides Casey with ingenious suggestions for attracting attention from passing motorists.

When one driver (Michael Imperioli) takes note, it seems Casey's tearful prayers could be answered...

*The Call* speed-dials suspense for the opening hour, cross-cutting between jittery Jordan and hysterical Casey, who gradually bond through the magic of mobile communication.

Berry is solid in an undemanding lead role while Breslin sobs with gusto, tugging our heartstrings when



Abigail Breslin in a scene from the film *The Call*

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her teenager accepts she will die and asks Jordan to record a message for her mother: "I love you, please don't ever forget me."

Once Eklund's villain reaches his sanctuary and prepares to enact his twisted plan, screenwriter D'Ovidio cold calls for originality for his bloody denouement – but he only connects with a limp homage to *Silence Of The Lambs* replete with Berry as Jodie Foster.

After an engrossing build-up, we – and the film – deserve better.

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**FRIDAY: Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Banbury:** Counterfeit Sixties Show. Re-live the sounds of the swinging 60s with this tribute show to more than 25 bands of that era – everything from the clothes worn, to flashbacks from TV history – programmes, adverts and even clips from the original bands. A night of sixties nostalgia! 7.30pm. £14 and £16. 01295 279002.

**SATURDAY: The Mill Arts Centre, Spiceball Park, Banbury:** The Official Receivers. Featuring classics from the days of Stax and Atlantic, including the songs of Otis Redding, Booker T, Edwin Starr and more. Supported by Jamway. Standing event. £8 adv, £10 door. 8.15pm. 01295 279002. 8.15pm. £8 adv, £10 door

**SUNDAY: Market Place, Chipping Norton:** Chippy Jazz And Music. 11.30am-11pm. A free, all-day festival of classic jazz and associated genres, using the town as its stage. Free gigs in venues in the town centre. In addition to all

of this there will be a walking band in various outside locations throughout the afternoon. Youth Jazz Band concert 2-5pm – £2 on the door. The legendary Spats Langham (Chequers Inn, £5, in advance from the Chequers or from Jaffe & Neale bookshop). There is also a jazz improvisation workshop with saxophonist Sue Greenway (town hall, 10am-12pm, £12, student £10). Evening concert Swing From Paris and their friends vocalist Jo Silver and jazz guitarist 'Spats' Langham, £16 (£12 under-15s) from Chippy Theatre 01608 677156. Proceeds to Lawrence Home Nursing Team, SpecialEffect, and End Polio Now.

### Theatre

**The Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton:** Until Sept 28, *Someone Who'll Watch Over Me*, by Frank McGuinness. A powerful drama infused with humour from the in-house company. Starring George Banks, Andrew Macklin and Johnson Willis. 7.45pm. £14, concession £12, schools £8.50.

Sep 29, *The Government Inspector*. Staged in the round, a high-energy production from new Oxfordshire company Flintlock, with four actors swapping characters at break-neck speed. £14, concession £12. 7.45pm. Oct 2, *The Duchess of Malfi*. A woman pays the price for daring to disregard her social status. Seven actors, six chairs and a gramophone are used to confront the epic themes of morality, class and sex. Presented by Eyststrings Theatre Company. £14, concession £12. 7.45pm. Box office: 01608 642350

### Events

**THURSDAY: Business seminar** Tally Ho Hotel, 45 Ploughley Road, Lower Arncliffe. Of real benefit for business owners, finance directors and credit controllers. From 9.30am. Free. 01295 661522.

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Town's third Premier Division win on the trot in fierce tussle with Hitchin

# Simpson goals put United up to sixth

LEON Simpson was the star as Banbury United secured their third Premier Division win in a row on Saturday to move up to sixth spot.

The 6ft 8in striker scored a brace as Edwin Stein's side edged a fiercely-contested match in which both teams finished with 10 men.

After a quiet half an hour, when Hitchin went closest after the lively Robbie Burns brought a decent save from Banbury keeper Leigh Bedwell, the hosts took the lead.

A cross from the left by Marvin Martin to the far post saw the incoming Simpson dive full length to head home past Tahj Bell in the Hitchin goal.

The Canaries recorded seven minutes later when a 20-yard strike from Burns found the right hand corner of the net.

The winning goal came in the 52nd minute when Simpson knocked the ball home from

Banbury Utd (Simpson 31, 52)	2
Hitchin Tn (Burns 38)	1

12 yards. Two minutes later Kynan Isaac was denied by Bell.

At the other end Bedwell brought off a point-blank save to deny Jamal Lowe.

In the 77th minute the Puritans were reduced to 10 men when Scott Bridges was shown the red card for taking a swing at a Hitchin player.

The numbers were evened up in the 88th minute when Hitchin's Lewis Rolfe was sent off for a second yellow card.

**Banbury:** Mbamwah, Frayer-Abrahams, Scott Bridges, Blossom, Utd: Bedwell, Cray-Alleens, Martin, Simpson, Isaac, McNulty (Pinto 52). Subs not used: Morgan, Menezes, Dumbleton, Westwood. **Attendance:** 290.



Banbury's Scott Bridges is given his marching orders by referee Christopher Husband

## Vettel ignores points as he savours wins

SEBASTIAN Vettel said he was taking nothing for granted after completing his third straight victory in Singapore on Sunday.

The German now leads by 60 points from nearest rival Fernando Alonso in his bid for a fourth successive world championship.

Despite his increasing advantage over Alonso, who finished runner-up in his Ferrari, Vettel added: "I'm not really looking at the championship too much, I'm just enjoying the moment."

Kimi Raikkonen, who is to leave Lotus for Ferrari at the end of the season, overcame a back problem to finish third for the Enstone-based team.

His Lotus teammate, Romain Grosjean, retired in fifth place after 35 laps. Pastor Maldonado came close to recording just Williams's second point of the season by finishing 11th for the Grove-based outfit, with teammate Valtteri Bottas 13th.

The Leaflet-based Caterhams of Giedo van der Garde and Charles Pic finished 16th and 19th respectively.

They were sandwiched around Banbury's Marussia drivers Max Chilton and Jules Bianchi in 17th and 18th.

Red Bull's Mark Webber has been hit with a 10-place grid penalty for the Korean Grand Prix on October 6.

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### ARIES

Mar 21-Apr 19

Last week you were one of the most stressed out signs in the zodiac but now you're free as if you've had a burst of strength and energy from the stars and you're right, you have. Don't be afraid to run with your dreams. You don't even need the go ahead from family anymore. You're certain which path is the right one for you. Give me a call now. I have to fill you in on your love scope.

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### LIBRA

Sep 23-Oct 22

It's time to work on the communication skills between you and your loved ones. Talking, not shouting is the way to get through to them and for them to get through to you too. Don't turn down the offer of a night out with distant family or long forgotten friends. News they share with you is sure to bring life back into perspective again. Phone now for a peek at all that's to come.

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### TAURUS

Apr 20-May 20

Paying attention to detail and sorting out the little things is the key to your success this week. If you don't keep to the promises you made to family this week though, you could end up causing a problem between you which is not easily resolved. Your ruling planet Venus gives you the courage to say how you feel about a loved one. It's time to take things to the next level. Ring now for answers.

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### SCORPIO

Oct 23-Nov 21

You're worrying too much about what might happen when you should be concentrating on what is going on in your life at the moment. Scorpio. Younger faces are the bearers of important news and should give you reason to plan an important trip in the near future. Gambles in love pay off this weekend. Time to follow your heart. Ring now. I have so much more to tell you.

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### GEMINI

May 21-Jun 20

There is trouble in the family and it's not going to do you any good if you get involved in others' problems. You could end up being blamed for starting the stressful situations. Focus on the good and fun things in your life and others will follow but don't be drawn into immature and childish behaviour please my friend. Ring now to hear who can't get you off their mind.

**0906 585 4362**

### SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22-Dec 21

The home comes under the spotlight and you find out you had friends in places you didn't realise. News a close one gets to hear this week requires some moral support from you. Be there for them. They'll remember it when their storm has passed Sagittarius. Venus helps you make up your mind on Friday about a love dilemma. Ring now to hear who can't stop telling white lies.

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### CANCER

Jun 21-Jul 22

Try to pay attention to what you say this week. Others will be taking your words more literally than you think. The chance to go somewhere new and different should be accepted. It's been a while since you made a conscious effort to have some fun. Make you a priority. Forced changes in the workplace are the shove you need to shape your life to your true needs and desires. Ring now for answers.

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### CAPRICORN

Dec 22-Jan 19

Rather than sit and moan about all that is not going your way, why don't you concentrate instead on all that is good. By moving on and allowing yourself not to be held back you'll find your strength, courage and fortitude. A mix up mid week goes in your favour as you get to prove yourself to a powerful face. Ring now to hear why it's important you look good throughout this week.

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### LEO

Jul 23-Aug 22

You're one of the strongest signs in the zodiac and yet somehow those around you have managed to convince you that you're not. Wake up and smell the coffee Leo. It's obvious someone wants to manipulate you. Travel is well starred and helps you to get closer to a relationship which can be your match made in heaven. Ring now to hear who's telling you lies in business.

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### AQUARIUS

Jan 20-Feb 18

Without the problems you've had in your life, you wouldn't appreciate the good times ahead Aquarius. It's worth remembering this when you get some disappointing news. Forced changes are actually a blessing in disguise as you'll learn by Wednesday. Gambles in love pay off on Saturday and Sunday. Give me a call now to hear why it's worth accepting celebration invites.

**0906 585 4370**

### VIRGO

Aug 23-Sep 22

Life is not easy for you at the moment but you have to agree you've done an admirable job of handling all that's been thrown at you. You miss someone you haven't seen and yet there is nothing to stop you from getting in touch with them. Pick up the phone and call or text them. They've missed you as much as you've missed them my friend. Ring now to hear how the Moon reveals secrets.

**0906 585 4365**

### PISCES

Feb 19-Mar 20

I see great things ahead for you Pisces. You're about to learn that you have impressed those who can help you to take your career to the next level. Personal issues still need to be sorted out, but luckily Mercury is on hand to give you the words you need to make them see your point of view at last. Ring now to hear how life and love could soon see you travelling great distances.

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IF THE ORDER IS MADE, the stopping up will be authorised only in order to enable development as permitted by South Northamptonshire Council, under reference S/2011/1327/FUL and S/2013/0088/FUL.

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## Juke muscles in with new model

By David Duffy

If you only ever thought of the Nissan Juke as a cute and cuddly car, now is the time to think again.

The Nismo — Nissan Motorsport — version with its whopping alloy wheels, sinister dark interior and 200 horsepower turbocharged engine is the bad boy of the Juke range.

To make the point crystal clear, Nissan has fitted a pair of red door mirrors — whatever body colour you choose — just so passers-by realise you are in something with punch as well as presence.

And the driver of this Sunderland-built compact crossover is certainly given rather individual treatment.

Nissan says Nismo's thinking is that everything should be focused on the driver. If that sounds a little selfish then there is no hint of an apology for the self-indulgence, with the seats, instrumentation, steering wheel, gear knob, pedals and door trims all redesigned with the driver in mind.

The front seats, with extra lateral support, are trimmed in suede, and sport vibrant red stitching. Red is used as a background to the rev counter and also appears on the steering wheel, which is finished in alcantara and leather. If you like light interiors, then the Nismo is not

for you. The headlining of the Nissan Juke Nismo is black, and there is a gloss 'piano black' finish around the ventilation and audio controls. There is also new smoked grey trim around the gear selector.

Power comes from a modified version of Nissan's 1.6-litre direct-injection turbocharged petrol engine. Two models are available — the front-wheel-drive with a six-speed manual transmission driven here and an all-wheel-drive version combining a CVT transmission and seven-speed manual.

Compared to the standard Nissan Juke, the most obvious change is to the front, which is lower and more aggressive; the front wings are more muscular, and the integrated fog lights have been replaced by thin-strip LED daytime running lights.

Under the skin, suspension settings have been revised to give greater traction and improved body



**POWER PACKED:** Nissan's Juke Nismo has a 200bhp engine

response and roll control, while the car's steering has been reworked for sportier and more direct handling.

Despite all the motorsport influences and technical tweaks, the Juke remains a superbly quiet, comfortable and practical car, with ample space for five people and a decent amount of luggage space in a twin-floor boot space.

Gadget fans will love the latest version of the Nissan Connect infotainment system, that includes Google 'Send to Car' navigation software allowing routes planned at home to be transferred directly to the car. The Juke is just the first of the Nismo model range to arrive in Europe. More are on the way.

### Auto facts

**Model:** Nissan Juke Nismo 1.6 DIG-T  
**Price:** £20,395  
**Ins group:** 20 (1-50)  
**Fuel consumption:** (Combined): 40.9mpg  
**Top speed:** 134mph  
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## Electricarnews

## Business urges fresh boost for electric cars

THE latest registration figures for plug-in vehicles suggest that the Government's ultra-low emission incentive scheme is failing to ignite the market, according to the fleet business market.

Newly-published DVLA data shows that registrations of plug-in grant eligible cars grew by 14% in the first half of 2013, compared to the previous six months. This is less than the 17% growth achieved by the overall new car market.

Meanwhile, registrations of plug-in grant eligible vans actually fell by 27%, with 119 registered in

the first half of 2013 compared to the 163 registered in the second half of 2012.

The chief executive of the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association, Gerry Keaney, said: "These figures show that the current strategy for driving uptake of ultra-low emission vehicles is not working."

"The fleet market buys more than half of all new vehicles registered each year and operates the greenest cars and vans on UK roads. As bulk purchasers, fleet operators could create a huge surge in demand for plug-in vehicles if

they were given the right package of incentives."

"The Government's Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) recently launched its new strategy and announced that it would look to develop a 'strong, clear and lasting' set of tax incentives. This work cannot happen soon enough."

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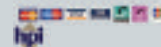
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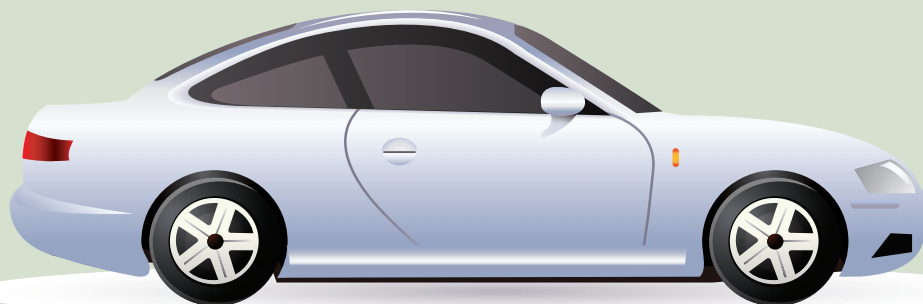
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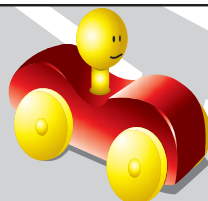
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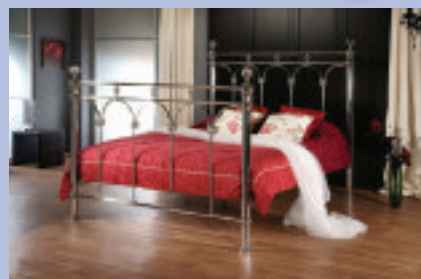
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